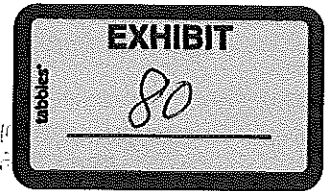


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Mr. Paul M. Stacey
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Planning and Standards Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Stacey:

I am writing to you as a Connecticut native, a trout fisherman since I was ten years old, a member of the coordinating committee of the Coalition to save Trout Brook Valley in Easton and Redding back in 1999, the committee to preserve the Kelda lands (ultimately over 16,000 acres in western Connecticut), a member of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, and the Nutmeg Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

I urge positive consideration of the Proposed Stream Flow Regulations, which are urgently needed to preserve the viability of our streams, rivers, and watersheds, particularly to preserve the viability of our native fish stocks, related wildlife, and surrounding plant growth. I have personally seen a number of instances in Connecticut where large amounts of water have been drawn from streams to the detriment of the environment, and the related wildlife. I am especially concerned with the destruction of Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) in the streams where they have persevered since the last glacial age.

I was pleased to see the positive outcome of the case involving the Shepaug River and the City of Waterbury, and hope that we will see similar protections afforded to the rest of our streams.

The prosperity and the quality of life in Connecticut depend on many factors, including clean water and abundant wildlife, both enhanced by adequate stream flow. I urge positive consideration of the Proposed Regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Kranyik".

Robert D. Kranyik, Ph.D.